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For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING CARBON BLACKS**

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In response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, Filing Date Granted," dated 2 March 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following as new page 22:

- - ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides processes for introducing a fluid stream into a carbon black reactor and for producing carbon black. According to the present invention a fluid stream comprising an oxidant; nitrogen, hydrogen a hydrocarbonaceous material or mixtures thereof is introduced into the effluent flowing through a carbon black reactor in an axial direction. --

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